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DATE: October 18, 2007
TO: All Commands
FROM: Sheriff Warren E. Rupf
SUBJECT: Loss of a Friend

I deeply regret having to inform you of the passing of Captain Alan R. Burton, Retired. Alan fought a long and courageous battle against Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), "Lou Gehrig's disease." Captain Burton joined this Office as a Communication Clerk in June 1959. He promoted to Deputy Sheriff in September 1961; Sergeant in June 1966; Lieutenant in May 1969, and Captain in July 1971. He retired in August 1984.

Captain Alan Burton was the son of Captain George K. Burton, Retired, Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff, for whom our Communications Center was named and dedicated to in 1989, and the grandfather of Dispatcher I Cheryl Burton. His son Stan Burton works for General Services.

Please share this information with members of your respective commands. Plans for services will be passed along to you as they are made available.

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